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KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Thursday, the 15th June, 1978/Jyeishtha 25, 1900 S.E.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, at Nine of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER (SRI P. VENKATARAMANA) in the Chair.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral Answers were given)

Establishment of Cement Factory at Chitapur

27. SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chitapur).—Will the Minister for Industries and Commerce be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Government has issued permit and licence for starting cement factory at Chaitapur;

(b) at what stage the work stands at present?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(a) No

(b) Does not arise.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—A letter of intent was given to have a cement factory at Chitapur. Several times the Government has given assurances on the floor of the Assembly that a cement factory will be started but till now no action has been taken. What are the reasons?

† SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—The Modi Spinning and weaving Mill had applied for licence and my records show that the applicant himself has withdrawn it on 31-12-1974. Therefore, it does not arise now.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Will the Government think of starting at least a mini cement plant there and whether Government will encourage any other person if he comes forward to start a cement factory there?

† indicate that remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—Government wants to encourage persons to start about 20 to 25 mini cement plants in the State of Karnataka and it is up to the people to come forward. If my hon. Friend brings somebody forward Government will examine.

SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA.—Is there any proposal to start a cement factory in Gulbarga by the Akhila Bharathi Sangh?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—I have said that there was an application and the matter is being referred to the Government of India. As far as my memory goes and according to my enquiries, the Government of India has not yet cleared it, since the project involves about Rs. 23 to 25 crores and enough money is not collected by the promoters according to my knowledge.

ಶ. ವಿ. ರಾಮೇಶ್ವರ.—ಖರ್ಚೆಗೆ ಕೊರತೆ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಖರ್ಚೆಗೆ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ಪ್ರೋಟೆಕ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾರುಕ್ಕಿರುವುದನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಮುಂದೆ ಉನಿಷಾದರಳೂ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳು ಇವೆಯೇ?

MR. SPEAKER.—That does not arise.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—In view of the unemployment that is found in Chitapur Taluk, there is pressure from the public to have some industries there and in view of the fact with the raw material available there only cement factory can be started there, will the Government help the people or come forward at least to start mini cement plants there?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—As I have already indicated, Government is very eager to establish 20 to 25 mini cement plants in the State of Karnataka with the prime object of solving the employment problem. I have assured my hon. Friend that if he has anybody in view, he may forward to start it in the co-operative sector or in the private sector. I may tell him that one or two persons have applied for a mining licence and if it is granted to them, I am sure Chitapur will have not only a mini cement factory but a major factory itself. But efforts are required for that. The tendency among the public of Karnataka is to look to the Government for establishing industries. If the Government keep on establishing industries there will be no end to it. So, I appeal through you, Sir, to the people of Karnataka that those who have money, skill and brain should join together and come forward to start industries in a co-operative manner and Government will give whatever assistance they can through the financial institution.

MR. SPEAKER.—The question is not in order and the answer is also not in order. It does not relate to a single matter. He is making a statement. It should be brief and relevant.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—My question was whether mini cement plants could be started.

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—I have already replied to it.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—When there is shortage of cement, why is the Government of Karnataka not taking the initiative to start cement factories?

SRI AZEEZ SAIT.—I have already said that Government cannot do everything. We are ready to help with finance from financial institutions and other institutions. Somebody must come forward.

Co-operative Sugar Factory at Mangoti

56. SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA (Holehonnur).—Will the Minister of State for Co-operation be pleased to state.—

- (a) whether there is a proposal to start a Co-operative Sugar Factory at Mangoti in Bhadravathi;
- (b) if so, at what stage the matter stands.

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR (Minister of State for Co-operation).—

(a) 'Yes'.

(b) A Co-operative Sugar Factory under the name Sahyadri Sahakara Sakkare Karkhane Ltd., Shimoga has been Registered on 5th April 1974.

Government of India, has been approached for the licence for setting up a sugar factory.

SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA.—May I know whether it is a fact that the Government of India have issued a licence to Karnataka Industrial Investment Corporation ?

† SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—Yes.

SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA.—When that is the case what are the reasons for the delay in starting the sugar factory ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—The Karnataka Industrial Investment Corporation has decided not to have a sugar factory in Shimoga. Therefore they wanted to transfer that licence to Sahyadri Sakkare Kharkane, Shimoga and we have submitted the application to the Government of India for transfer from KSIIDC to Sahyadri Sakkare Kharkane and it is pending.

SRI G. BASAVANNAPPA.—How long will it take to get the licence ?

SRI V. M. KUSNOOR.—This is a matter between the Government of India and the State Government. We are in correspondence with them. We have reminded them and we are waiting for their reply.